

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION-IN-PART
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Customer No. **2 1 8 3 9**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 10/215,537 filed on August 8, 2002, for DEVICE AND METHOD FOR COUPLING PIPES, by the following named inventor(s):

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- (b) Full Name _____
- (c) Full Name _____

☒ Applicant(s) suggests the inclusion of Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and/or patent.

☐ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: __.

1. ☒ Enclosed is/are nine sheet(s) of drawings.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a certified copy of the priority document.
3. ☐ Enclosed is an Assignment document.
4. ☒ An ☐ executed ☒ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
[X] also is enclosed ☐ will follow.
5. ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

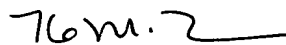
C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	18	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	× \$86.00 (1201) =	172.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					0
Total Application Fee					942.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					-471.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee of <u>\$40.00 (8021)</u> if Assignment document is enclosed					0
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE *** NOT ENCLOSED***					471.00

7. ☒ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
8. ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. _____ for the fee due.
9. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
10. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. _____. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
11. ☐ New drawings are enclosed.
12. ☐ Priority of Application No. _____ filed on _____ in _____ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
 - ☐ The certified copy of the priority application
 - ☐ is enclosed
 - ☐ was filed on _____ in prior Application No. _____, filed on _____, and acknowledged by the Examiner on _____ in Paper No. _____
 - ☐ has not yet been filed.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
15. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.

16. ☒ Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet.
17. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis L.L.P..
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney .
 - d. ☐ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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- ☐ inventor(s)
- ☐ assignee of complete interest
- ☒ attorney or agent of record
- ☐ filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)